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ORFORD, NH – FAIRLEE, VT BRIDGE TO BE CLOSED UP TO THREE DAYS SAMUEL MOREY MEMORIAL BRIDGE NEEDS FLOOR BEAM REPAIRS

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces the Samuel Morey Bridge carrying NH Route 25A (Bridge Street) across the Connecticut River between Orford, New Hampshire and Fairlee, Vermont will be closed to traffic for up to three days this week for necessary floor beam repairs.

The Route 25A bridge is scheduled to be closed to vehicular traffic on Wednesday, March 19 and Thursday, March 20 from 8:30 AM to approximately 1:30 PM. If necessary, the bridge may remain closed to traffic on Friday, March 21 during the same time period. Motorists who would normally use the NH Route 25A bridge during those times should seek alternative routes on those days.

The floor beam repair work is part of the ongoing complete rehabilitation of the 425-foot long Morey Bridge. E.D. Swett, Inc. of Concord, New Hampshire is the general contractor for the \$5.6 million project, which is scheduled to be completed by May 2003.